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SUBJECT: LOME II: EC COMMISSION SUBMITS DRAFT GUIDELINES

ON FISHERIES FOR EC COUNCIL APPROVAL

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 12802, (B) BRUSSELS 3153

1. MISSION IS INFORMED THAT JULY 5 COMMISSION FORWARDED TO EC COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL A SET OF DRAFT GUIDELINES ON FISHERIES POLICY TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE COMMUNITY'S NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR LOME II (REF A). THESE DRAFT GUIDELINES, WHICH ARE NOT EXPECTED TO RECEIVE FORMAL COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT UNTIL THE FALL, FULFILL AN EARLIER COMMISSION PLEDGE (REF B) TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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ITS PROPOSED POLICY GOVERNING EXPLOITATION OF MARINE RESOURCES IN THE ACP COUNTRIES BY LOME CONVENTION SIGNATORIES.

2. THE COMMISSION'S MEMORANDUM TO THE COUNCIL REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZES THE FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS:

A. A CLAUSE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN LOME II AGREEMENT

EMBODYING THE PRINCIPLE OF ACP "READINESS TO NEGOTIATE" EC FISHING RIGHTS IN ACP WATERS ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS. CERTAIN GENERAL GUIDELINES EMERGING FROM THE UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE TEXT OF THE NEW CONVENTION.

- B. PARALLEL TO EVENTUAL ACP COMMITMENT UNDER (A) ABOVE THE EC WOULD STEP-UP ASSISTANCE UNDER THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND REGARDING IMPROVEMENT OF FISHERIES CAPABILITIES IN THE ACP'S.
- 3. ACCORDING TO JOURNALISTIC REPORTS, THE COMMISSION FURTHER PROPOSES THAT "FRAMEWORK PROVISIONS" PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES COOPERATION BE INCORPORATED IN THE NEW CONVENTION. WE UNDERSTAND COMMISSION'S OBJECTIVE IN PROMOTING ARRANGEMENTS OF THIS KIND IS TO FACILITATE ESTABLISHMENT OF EC FISHING ACCORDS WITH ACP GOVERNMENTS IN WEST AFRICAN REGION. HINTON

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